

-- 28. A driving wheel according to claim 27, wherein the stepdown ratio is in the range between 7 and 2. --

-- 29. A hoisting winch according to claim 19, wherein the single stepdown stage has a stepdown ratio no greater than 15.--

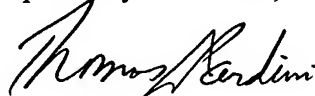
-- 30. A hoisting winch according to claim 29, wherein the stepdown ratio is in the range between 7 and 2. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended and claims 4 and 19 are amended and claims 27-30 are added. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten paragraph (37 claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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